

Chairman Mao Received Us Red Guards!

TODAY is really the happiest, happiest, great happy day for all of us Red Guards and all the revolutionary teachers and students! Today, our most respected and beloved leader Chairman Mao received us, representatives of the Red Guards, on the Tien An Men Gate. The great, happy moment for which we had always longed has finally come.

At 7 o'clock in the morning, we soldiers of the Red Guards ascended the Tien An Men Gate in line. We were stirred to the very soul. Our most respected and be-

loved Chairman Mao was going to receive us, an event of great happiness which we had never dreamed would come true! At that moment the Red Guards had only one thought: Chairman Mao is coming! Long live Chairman Mao! Long, long life to Chairman Mao!

Five minutes past 8. Unable to control their feelings, Red Guards Sung Po-lin, Lo Hsiao-hai and Han Chun rushed into the hall at the top of the Gate and stood beside our most respected and beloved leader Chairman Mao. At the sight of him, they forgot everything; all

they could do was to shout at the top of their voices: "Long live Chairman Mao!"

Smiling, Chairman Mao stood up and shook hands with each of them. What powerful, strong hands! These are the hands that wrote truths for the revolution; these are the hands that pointed out the path of our advance; these are the hands that directed us in conquering our country for the people; these are the hands that are directing us in defending our country for the people! Holding firmly these revolutionary hands, a thousand thoughts rushed through our minds, a thousand thoughts flew into one: "How are you, Chairman Mao? We wish you unlimited long life!"

Chairman Mao, smiling kindly, said, "Well, well, well!"

Only now did the Red Guards remember that they had not said who they were. They cried hurriedly, "We're Tsinghua Middle School Red Guards."

"Which?" asked Chairman Mao.

"Red Guards of the middle school attached to Tsinghua University," they answered.

Then they said in one voice: "We wish Chairman Mao unlimited long life!" They repeatedly cheered aloud, "Long live Chairman Mao!"

Very moved, the Red Guards said to Chairman Mao, "We shall always be your most loyal soldiers." "We want revolution, we will rebel [against all exploiting classes and their ideology, culture, customs and habits] all the way!"

Chairman Mao said, "I firmly support you!"

A feeling of tremendous inspiration stirred the Red Guards. They forgot everything. They could voice only one thought: "Long live Chairman Mao!" They shook hands with Chairman Mao again and again before reluctantly stepping out.

"Chairman Mao received us!" The good news spread like wildfire. All the Red Guards were swept with joy. They immediately burst out singing "The East Is Red", "Rely on the Helmsman When Sailing the Seas" and "The

Song of Rebellion". They shouted with one voice: "We wish our most respected and beloved leader Chairman Mao unlimited long life!" Enthusiasm filled every one of the Red Guards on the Tien An Men Gate as their voices united in happy singing. Their hearts had flown to Chairman Mao.

At 45½ minutes past 9, sudden applause thundered while the sun seemed to shine more brightly. Chairman Mao was coming towards us! He wore an olive-green military uniform, the red star on his cap and the red insignia on his collar shining with a dazzling light. Chairman Mao's ruddy face was beaming. He is very healthy indeed. This is a source of the greatest happiness for the Chinese people and the people of the world. The Red Guards leaped up and down, the cheer "Long live Chairman Mao!" rose to the sky. As we all waved our copies of *Quotations from Chairman Mao Tse-tung* high above our heads, the red from their covers flashed in all directions. After walking around, Chairman Mao went steadily up the steps. People crowded forward with but one thought: Quick, let's have a longer look at Chairman Mao! All they wanted to say was "Long live Chairman Mao!" Seeing this crowd of joyous young revolutionary fighters, Chairman Mao smiled happily.

At 49½ minutes past 9, Chairman Mao went back into the hall. No one had had enough and no one would leave; everyone shouted: "We want to see Chairman Mao!" Premier Chou came over, saying, "I'm an old Red Guard. Obey orders and be seated. Wait a little and Chairman Mao will come and have his picture taken with you!" To have our pictures taken with Chairman Mao! Truly a most, most happy event. How our great leader is concerned for us, the younger generation! Not only did he make time to receive us "young soldiers" but he would have pictures taken together with us. "Now, if we do not carry on the revolution well," many Red Guards could not refrain from saying, "we really cannot face Chairman Mao." "We must carry the proletarian cultural revolution through to the end! Without complete victory we can-

not face Chairman Mao who has such concern for us!" The inspiration and encouragement given by our great leader stirred the hearts of the Red Guard fighters and became a tremendous material force.

At 45 minutes past 11, Chairman Mao again came out to us. Chairman Mao, Vice-Chairman Lin Piao and other leaders wore Red Guard arm bands—the old Red Guards leading the young Red Guards in making revolution together. Many young Red Guards took turns in having their pictures taken with Chairman Mao. The crowd of young people jumped with joy and the cry "Long live Chairman Mao!" rose from the depths of their hearts. This was truly for us the happiest moment. Oh, our great leader, Chairman Mao, we Red Guards wish you health from the bottom of our hearts! We wish you unlimited long life! We are resolved to be your most loyal and brave Red Guards!

We are all students who have made no contributions to the people, nothing at all. Chairman Mao not only received us but also had his picture taken with us. Our responsibilities are now so much more heavy. We shall never be unworthy of the incomparable solicitude Chairman Mao has shown for us and the incomparable trust which he has placed in us!

From now on we will definitely study Chairman Mao's works better, keep every word in our hearts, honestly and sincerely observe them, and be good fighters and good students of Chairman Mao. From now on, wherever we are and however great the difficulties we encounter, the thought of this day alone will give us limitless courage to overcome them. Chairman Mao has given us infinite wisdom and strength. We shall hold higher the great red banner of Mao Tse-tung's thought, temper ourselves in the heat of struggle, and carry the great proletarian cultural revolution through to the end!

Carry the Chinese revolution and the world revolution through to the end!

— Red Guards of the
Middle School Attached
to Tsinghua University